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On 1 January 1952 the Ministry of Public Security issued general instructions covering the Public Security tasks for the first quarter of 1952. The instructions stated that the basic mission is political security, and that the six major lines of effort based on this primary duty are:

- a. Continue the purge of anti-revolutionary elements, intensify the census registration program,¹ continue the well-planned program to establish neighborhood (街坊) committees to assist Public Security personnel in preventing infiltration and concealment of anti-revolutionary elements, and give special attention to the activities of persons with former Kuomintang connections.
- b. Consolidate the public security organizations along the border and coasts, instructing the governments and armed forces of the hsiang and oh'u to organize border and coastal guards. The police work must be well done so that no anti-revolutionary elements can infiltrate into China.
- c. Consolidate the intelligence organizations of the city and hsien public security administrations. Agents must be recruited whose positions are ready-made for penetration. Agents must be sent to every place where they are needed.
- d. The radio inspection service of large cities must maintain contact with the Central Government and provincial inspection stations. This work must be done thoroughly in order to control radios strictly, to make spot checks, and to stop collusion of merchants.²
- e. Control of weapons now held by civilians must be rigidly enforced, including re-registration and regular inspection. Weapons may be confiscated if necessary.

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f. A travel permit system must be instituted in order to control movement between major administrative regions. The system should be enforced without infringing on the common platform of the Political Consultative Conference. Public Security personnel will attempt to convince the public verbally of the convenience of travel permits. Until this system is tried and fails, rigid laws and regulations will not be used to force the people to obey.

1. [Redacted] Reports on the operation of the census registration system may be found [Redacted]

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2. [Redacted] The use of unlicensed radio stations by merchants for the purpose of manipulating exchange rates is mentioned [Redacted]

3. [Redacted] Although this implies that people may travel without permits, other reports on the procedures for entering and travelling in China indicate that travel permits are compulsory in some areas and that travellers are subject to frequent searches and interrogations; [Redacted]

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